NEW BEGINNINGS
A SERIES IN GENESIS 6-25

Called (Genesis 11:10-12:9)

A. The Generations of Shem (11:10-26)

B. The Generations of Terah (11:27-32)

1. His troubled family in Ur (vv. 27-30)
2. His stunted journey to Canaan (vv. 31-32)

C. The Call of Abram (12:1-3)

1. The command to go (12:1)
2. The promises:
   - i. A great nation (v. 2)
   - ii. A world-wide blessing (v. 2-3)
   - iii. A land (v. 7)
3. Abram's Response
   - i. Going (vv. 4-6, 9)
   - ii. Worshipping (vv. 7-8)

D. Enduring Truths

1. Election (Nehemiah 9:7; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
2. Faith (Hebrews 11:8-10)
3. Christ (Galatians 3:8, 16; John 8:56)

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.

2. a. What's your favourite story, and how does the unexpected or unlikely factor into it?

   b. Think about your own life story. What makes you an unlikely candidate to be saved and used by God? Where do you see yourself in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31?

3. Did anything surprise you about Abram's backstory in 11:27-32? Does this add or take away to our understanding of who Abram was? How?

4. a. Read Hebrews 11:8-16. What more do we learn here about Abram's faith perspective?

   b. What's the big lesson the author of Hebrews draws from Abram's (and other's) examples of faith? (Hebrews 12:1-2)

5. a. According to 1 Corinthians 1:26-30, what is the goal of God's election (choice) of His people?

   b. What does Ephesians 1:3-6 add to this picture?

   c. What does Romans 8:29 add to our understanding of God's goal in all this?

6. a. What are the particular faith challenges before you in your life today?

   b. How can the truths from today's passages be a specific help to you in this situation?

   c. Are there any specific steps of obedience you need to take?

   d. Will you?